Please cancel Claims 2, 4, 6 and 8, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1 and 3, to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus for inputting a pronunciation symbol corresponding to an English notation, comprising:

pronunciation symbol information holding means for holding pronunciation symbol information indicating a relationship between a predetermined alphabet and a pronunciation symbol that starts from the predetermined alphabet;

associative pronunciation symbol information holding means for holding associative pronunciation symbol information indicating a relationship between a predetermined alphabet and a pronunciation symbol when the predetermined alphabet forms a part of an arbitrary English notation;

pronunciation symbol statistical information holding means for holding statistical information associated with a probability of occurrence of each pronunciation symbol immediately after a predetermined pronunciation symbol;

input mode change means for changing an input mode between a first input mode and a second input mode;

display means for extracting pronunciation symbols corresponding to ~~an input~~ the alphabet inputted by a user from the pronunciation symbol information if the input mode is the first input mode and from the associative pronunciation symbol information if the input mode is the second input mode, and displaying the extracted

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pronunciation symbols ~~with corresponding image symbols~~ while sorting ~~them~~ <u>the extracted pronunciation symbols</u> on the basis of the statistical information; and

determination means for determining a pronunciation symbol corresponding to the English notation from the displayed pronunciation symbols.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An information processing method ~~in~~ <u>of</u> an information processing apparatus for inputting a pronunciation symbol corresponding to an English notation, comprising:

~~a pronunciation symbol information holding step of holding pronunciation symbol information indicating a relationship between a predetermined alphabet and a pronunciation symbol that starts from the predetermined alphabet;~~

~~a pronunciation symbol statistical information holding step of holding statistical information associated with a probability of occurrence of each pronunciation symbol immediately after a predetermined pronunciation symbol;~~

<u>an input mode change step of changing an input mode between a first input mode and a second input mode;</u>

<u>an extracting step of extracting pronunciation symbols corresponding to an alphabet inputted by a user from pronunciation symbol information indicating a relationship between a predetermined alphabet and a pronunciation symbol that starts from the predetermined alphabet if the input mode is the first input mode, and from associative pronunciation symbol information indicating a relationship between a predetermined</u>

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alphabet and a pronunciation symbol when the predetermined alphabet forms a part of an arbitrary English notation if the input mode is the second mode;

a display step of ~~extracting pronunciation symbols corresponding to an input alphabet from the pronunciation symbol information, and~~ displaying the extracted pronunciation symbols with corresponding image symbols while sorting ~~them~~ the extracted pronunciation symbols on the basis of ~~the~~ statistical information associated with a probability of occurrence of each pronunciation symbol immediately after a predetermined pronunciation symbol; and

a determination step of determining a pronunciation symbol corresponding to the English notation from the displayed pronunciation symbols.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A control program for making a computer implement an information processing method of claim 3.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A storage medium storing a control program for making a computer implement an information processing method of claim 3.

8. (Canceled)